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OF THE

Second Annual Session

OF THE

Harmony Baptist Association,

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Friday, Oct. 10, 1878.

1. The Delegates from the Churches composing the Second Annual Session of the Harmony Baptist Association, convened with the Haysop Church, on this day at 11 o'clock. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder N. H. Williams, from 1st Corinthians, 1st Chapter, and 10th verse.

2. After a recess of one hour the Delegates assembled in the meeting house, and the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, N. H. Williams. A hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by Elder J. M. Langston.

3. The letters from the Churches were read and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows, to-wit:

1st District—Mt. Olive; James N. Hayes, J. W. Mathews and N. H. Williams. Cedar Grove; S. V. McGinnis, Samuel White and D. H. Lewis. Haysop; A. J. Fair, W. G. Hubbard and B. J. Murphy. Siloam; B. Stevens, J. P. Vernon and N. D. Vernon. Enon; Stephen Johnson, F. M. Arnold and H. C. McKinney.

2d District—Roup's Valley. T. L. Shamblin, J. H. Moody and R. Clements.

There were two parties bearing letters from Hephzibah Church, 2d district. A committee was appointed to investigate the matter, to see which was the Church, consisting of one member from each church in the Association, to-wit: from Union, —— Lockett; Roups' Valley, J. H. Moody; Haysop, W. G. Hubbard; Mt. Olive, J. W. Matthews; Enon, Marion Arnold; Cedar Grove, S. V. McGinnis; Siloam, N. D. Vernon; and the visiting Mininisters to council with them, to-wit: Eld.

J. M Langston, F. M. Hobson and J. Hagler, of the Mulberry Association, and L. L. Loveless, B. S. Thompson and Thomas Norwood, of the Mud Creek Association. Said committee, after having heard the evidence and investigated the subject, decided that the letter borne by John Riley, J. M. Parsons and Thomas Willard, was from the church at Hephzibah. The Association adjourned till 9 o'clock, Saturday morning.

Saturday, 12th, 9 o'clock.

4th Met according to adjournment. Elder N. H. Williams acting as Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Loveless. Moved and seconded that we elect a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of N. H. Williams Moderator and B. Stevens Clerk.

5th The Moderator then appointed a committee on preaching, to-wit: J. W. Matthews, Samuel White and N. D. Vernon, with the Deacons of Haysop Church.

6th Received correspondence—Tuscaloosa, R. C. Caffee, James Hogan, John G. Lowry, J. H. Ward and W. Smith, with Letter and Minutes. Mud Creek, Elder T. A. Norwood, L. L. Loveless, Wm. Hannah and B. S. Thompson, with Letter. Mulberry, Elders F. M. Hobson, J. H. Hagler and J. M. Langston, with Letter and Minutes.

7th Returned Correspondence—To Mud Creek, J. H. Moody, M. J. Parsons and T. W.Willard. Mulberry, W. G. Hubbard, N. H. Williams and J. H. Moody. Tuscaloosa, S. V. McGinnis, J. W. Matthews, J. N. Hays and D. H. Lewis. Shelby, F. M. Arnold and Hiram McKinney. Canaan, A. E. Burns, C. D. Blado, John Riley and M. J. Parsons.

8th Opened the door for the reception of Churches. Mt. Carmel presented a letter, petitioning to be received into the Harmony Association, by her delegates, M. L. McElroy, J. A. Defer and J. S. McElroy, which was received, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

9th The committee on preaching report that Elder J. M. Langston preach this evening at the stand, 2 o'clock, p. m. Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock, conducted by W. G. Hubbard. J. H. Hagler at 11 o'clock, followed by J. M. Langston.

10th Reading of the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

11th Appointed the following committees: On Nominations, A. J. Fair, James Hays and D. H. Lewis. Documents, B. J. Murphy, A. J. Fair and M. Arnold. Finance, Samuel White, B. J. Murphy and A. J. Fair.

12th The Association adjourned one hour. 2 o'clock, p. m., met according to adjournment. Prayer by J. H. Moody.

13th It was moved and carried that J. W. Thrasher and J. B. Hobson be added to the delegates from Mt. Carmel Church.

14th Report on Documents, adopted (See Appendix A.)

" " Nominations, " " " B.

Bro. James Hays was elected Treasurer of the Association.

15th It was moved and carried that the 22d Article of the Harmony Association, adopted at its first session, be stricken out.

16th On motion it was agreed that when this body adjourn it adjourn to meet with the Hepzibah Church, on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in Oct., 1879.

17th The Union meeting of the 2d district will be held with the Roup's Valley Church, commencing Friday before the 3d Sabbath in August, 1879. Elder P. Smith to preach the Introductory Sermon.

The first district Union meeting will be held with the Siloam Church, commencing Friday before the second Sabbath in September, 1879. S. V. McGinnis to preach the Introductory Sermon; W. G. Hubbard, alternate.

18th The Treasurer reports the amount received from the different Churches for Minutes and Associational purposes, which were blended together, to amount to $15.75. Mt. Olive $2.00; Hephzibah $1.75; Enon $2.00; Cedar Grove $2.50; Siloam $2.00; Mt. Carmel $1.50; Roup's Valley $1.00; Haysop $3.00.

19th The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved; That we recommend that the Churches of this Association close their doors against N.W. Blalock's preaching

in their pulpits, as we view him in disorder and a disorganizer of the churches.

20th The following was offered and adopted:

That, whereas, Rev. T. M. Barbour has agreed to preach as an Evangelist in the bounds of the Tuscaloosa, and other Associations, and as this Association lies in his field of labor, therefore be it,

Resolved; That we, as an Association, co-operate with the said T. M. B. in this work.

21st The Clerk was instructed, by the body, to have 400 copies of the Minutes printed, and reserve 100 copies for correspondence, and also to act as distributing agent in the 1st district, and M. J. Parsons in the 2d district.

Prayer was offered by Elder B. Stevens, and the Association adjourned to meet with the Hephzibah Church, on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in October, 1879.

N. H. WILLIAMS, Mod.

BENJAMIN STEVENS, Clerk.

NOTE.—The generous hospitality with which the Church and neighborhood provided for the Association is worthy of the highest commendation. Clerk.

APPENDIX.

A. ON DOCUMENTS.—We, your committee, find nothing of interest, or no request from the churches. We recommend the reading of the Holy Scriptures by the brethren of this Association, and also some good Religious Periodical, as the Alabama Baptist, and the Baptist published by Dr. J. R. Graves, of Memphis, Tenn.

B. J. MURPHY, Chm'n.

B. ON NOMINATIONS.—We, your committee on nominations, beg leave to report: We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with the Hephzibah Church, four miles west of Green Pond, Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in October, 1879. Elder S. V. McGinnis to preach the Introductory Sermon; alternate, A. J. Fair.

A. J. FAIR, Chm'n.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1878.

Churches.	Pastors.	P. Office.	County.	Day of Meeting.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismiss'd by Letter	Exclud'd.	Restored.	Died	Total in Fellowsh.
1st DISTRICT.											
Mt. Olive	N. H. Williams	.....	.....	4	...	1	1	...	...	2	64
Cedar Grove	S. V McGinnis	Clements	Tusk	3	1	4	7	24	...	1	74
Haysop	S. V. McGinnis	Scottsville	Bibb.	2	3	.....	1	7	...	..	125
Siloam	N. H. Williams	Scottsvllle	Bibb.	1	..	2	.....	...	...	1	26
Enon	J. M. Langston	Six Mile	Bibb.	2	...	3	2	...	...	...	57
2d DISTRICT.											
Roup's Valley	L. L Loveless	Woodstock	Bibb.	.....	...	4	2	2	...	1	46
Hephzibah	N. W. Blalock	Green Pond	Bibb.	.....	...	4	10	...	1	...	59
Mt. Carmel	W. G. Hubbard	Scottsville	Bibb.	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	30

Received of Rev. Benjamin Stevens $15.00 for printing 400 copies of the minutes of the Harmony Association.

JNO. L. WEST.

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